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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dang D Le

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 10-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 January 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/672,216.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: the reference numerals in page 6 do not match with those in Figure 1. Please check all the Figures to make sure the reference numerals match with those in the specification. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains the word "comprises" in line 1. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 5, line 9, replace "." with -- ; --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claims 5 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hiroyasu (JP 09-070162).

Regarding claim 5, Hiroyasu shows a motor (Figures 1-10) comprising:

- A motor base including:
- A base (2);
- A bearing supporter (23) protrudes vertically from the base for supporting a bearing (24);
- A stator supporter (13) concentric with the bearing supporter;
- A terminal (22) made of metal plate and insert-molded around the bearing supporter;
- Wherein the motor base is formed by cutting off bridges linking between the motor base and a frame around the motor base (Figures 1-4);
- A stator (21) mounted to the stator supporter; and
- A rotor (Figure 7) supported by the bearing which is supported by the bearing supporter.

Regarding claim 10, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows a method of assembling a motor using a motor-base-holder wherein the motor-base-holder (Figures 1-10) comprising:

- A base (25);
- A bearing supporter (23) protrudes vertically from the base for supporting a bearing;
- A stator supporter (13) concentric with the bearing supporter;

- A motor base having a terminal (22) made of metal plate and insert-molded around the bearing supporter; and
- A frame (2) made of the same metal as the terminal and linked with fringe of the motor base,
- Wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- Positioning and supporting the motor base at a given place by the frame (Figure 1);
- Assembling the stator and a rotor of the motor to the motor base (Figure 1 and 7); and
- Detaching the motor base from the frame (Figure 3).

Regarding claim 11, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the motor-base-holder using a plurality of motor bases linked to each other (Figure 1).

Regarding claim 12, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the motor-base-holder using a plurality of motor bases linked to each other (Figure 1) to form a belt-like shape.

Regarding claim 13, it is noted that Hiroyasu also shows the bridges being dispersively disposed around the motor base as well as between the frame and the motor base.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-0156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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